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Hector Corea helps businesses find creative solutions to difficult problems. From helping early-stage ventures navigate competing creditor demands to obtain highly favorable settlements, or assisting industrial manufacturing companies in securing their proprietary and confidential information from disclosure by former employees, Hector always finds ways to reach the right results for his clients.

In a high-stakes trade secrets action, Hector successfully represented a national healthcare provider and obtained summary dismissal of an eight-figure litigation demand. He has also counseled a leading online dating services provider in an employment arbitration dispute to secure a complete defense verdict. In addition, Hector has interviewed dozens of English and Spanish-speaking union employees on behalf of hospitality, quick service restaurant, and freight transportation companies to gather crucial labor practices evidence and defeat wage and labor violation class actions.

As a first-generation immigrant, Hector is very passionate about advocating on behalf of immigrant communities and has helped a half-dozen minor children obtain special immigrant juvenile status predicate orders in the Superior Court of Los Angeles. A native Spanish-speaker, Hector also represents several clients on a pro-bono basis before the Los Angeles Immigration Court as a first-chair trial attorney.

- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations

English Spanish

## LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- English
- Spanish

## REPRESENTATIVE EXAMPLES OF HECTOR'S LITIGATION EXPERIENCE:

- Obtained summary dismissal of \$50 million trade secret and breach of contract action brought by former contractor against a national healthcare clinic provider.
- Secured complete defense verdict for leading online dating services provider in a suit brought by a former employee.

- Arbitrated software licensing dispute on behalf of leading global user-generated content developer against national destination marketing provider and obtained favorable monetary settlement.
- Secured voluntary dismissal of eight-figure consumer class action premised on alleged defects in multinational technology company's cellular phone chargers.
- Secured a dozen highly favorable settlements on behalf of tech start-up in creditor actions and pre-lawsuit demands, including California state auditor investigation, resulting in a 70% cost-savings for seven-figure liabilities.
- Represented global energy corporation in complex IP and fiduciary breach action against former employee arising from employee's sophisticated scheme to sell company's secrets to Chinese competitors and develop competing U.S. and international patents and obtained favorable monetary and injunctive settlement.
- Counseled defense and manufacturing corporations in trade secret disputes with former employees to secure their intellectual property and trade secrets from unauthorized disclosure.
- Represented local restaurant franchise in trade secret action concerning misappropriation of proprietary recipe and obtained favorable monetary and injunctive settlement.
- Represented national mobility-solutions provider in administrative appeal before the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency concerning electric scooter permit denial.
- Represented clients in multiple California real estate disputes at mediation to obtain favorable monetary recoveries.
- Conducted dozens of employee witness interviews and drafted supporting declarations for national freight carrier, hospitality, and multinational restaurant company defending against labor and wage class actions.
- Represents global amusement attraction operator in defending several consumer class action suits concerning park closures due to COVID pandemic.
- Represents national insurance marketer in concurrent fiduciary actions across several California jurisdictions.

## CREDENTIALS

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### Admissions

- California

### Education

- B.A., Philosophy & Political Science, Wichita State University  
*magna cum laude*
- J.D., University of California, Berkeley, School of Law 2017

## PRO BONO

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### PRO BONO & ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Successfully represented a half-dozen monolingual Spanish-speaking clients in state probate and family courts to obtain predicate parentage, guardianship, and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status findings and orders.
- First-chair trial attorney for several monolingual Spanish-speaking clients seeking Asylum relief in removal proceedings before the Los Angeles Immigration Court.
- Contributor to the upcoming LSC Veterans Task Force Report, a joint publication by the Legal Services Corporation and DLA Piper LLP, designed to raise awareness of and provide solutions to the myriad of legal issues facing the veteran population in America.